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MINUTES

OF THE

FORTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Bigbee Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Cuba Baptist Church, Cuba Station, Alabama.

September 8, 9 and 10, 1892.

OFFICERS.

[illegible] J. R. LAIKIN, Moderator
F. M. POND, Clerk
L. M. SHAW, Treasurer

The next session of this Association will be held with the [illegible] Church, Sumter County, Alabama, commencing Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1893.

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ORDAINED MINISTERS.

W. G. Curry, ... Livingston, Ala.
F. A. Freeman, ... Bay..., Ala.
A. J. Hearn ..... Yantley, Ala.
J. R. Larkin ..... Ala.
W. F. Pond, ... Ala.
J. W. Smith ..... Ala.
J. L. Fuller ..... Ala.
C. C. Vaughan, ... Ala.
J. J. Vaughan ..... Ala.
T. D. Woodward ..... Ala.

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SUPERINTENDENTS OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Bethlah, W. F. Pond ..... Gainesville, Ala.
Christian Valley, William Larkin .... Clinton, Ala.
Clinton, N. M. Carpenter ..... Clinton, Ala.
Concord, W. H. Phillips ..... Yantley, Ala.
Cuba, H. M. Shaw ..... Cuba, Ala.
Dancyville, J. C. Kelley. ..... Eutaw, Ala.
Hopewell, Choctaw county, J. A. Vaughan .... Mt. Sterling, Ala.
Hopewell, Sumter county, James Speed ..... Livingston, Ala.
Livingston, R. G. Hall ..... Livingston, Ala.
Siloam, G. W. Green ..... York, Sumter, Ala.
Summerville, W. H. Brown ..... Summerville, Ala.

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MINUTES.

CUBA STATION, ALA., Sept. 8, 1892.

The Bigbee Baptist Association met in its fortieth session in Cuba Baptist church, Cuba Station, Sumter county, Ala., on Thursday, September 8, 1892, at 10:30 a. m.

The meeting opened by singing "Jesus lover of my soul." The Moderator read the 34th Psalm. Prayer by J. W. Bozeman.

In response to the call for representation, the letters from the churches were presented, and by request of the Moderator, were read by brethren B. F. Riley and J. G. Apsey. Delegates were enrolled as follows:

Beulah—J. B. Pond, W. S. Baskins and T. J. Pond.
Christian Valley—William Larkin, B. B. Seale and S. E. Williamson.
Clinton—N. M. Carpenter and A. M. Pippen.
Concord—A. J. Hearn, L. A. Brock, C. W. Powell, and sisters Bettie Phillips and Mattie Hearn
Cuba—C. C. Vaughan, L. Poole, E. M. Shaw, J. T. Swain, F. F. Woolf and J. S. Greer.
Demopolis—Letter and funds.
Epes—Not represented.
Eutaw—Not represented.
Friendship—Not represented.
Gainesville—Not represented.
Hickory Hill—T. B. Woodward.
Hopewell (Choctaw county)—Not represented.
Hopewell (Sumter county)—A. B. Spidle, J. R. Speed and James V. Tutt.
Livingston—G. C. Gowdey, W. G. Curry, W. A. Curry, and sisters A. G. Mellen and A. M. Tartt.
Mt. Hermon—Not represented.
Mt. Moriah—Not represented.
Mt. Pleasant—C. W. Fulford, William McSpeede and J. W. Smith, Jr.
Mt. Sterling—Not represented.
New Prospect—L. A. McLean, M. D. Gould and W. P. Brewer.
Rehoboth—J. W. Cook, F. A. Freeman and Sister Annie L. Brock.
Shorts—F. M. Ware and W. T. Hearn.
Siloam—E. Woods, R. J. Shelton, G. W. Green, James Stallings and W. T. Dearman.
Sumterville—H. B. Praytor and J. W. Gordon.
York—C. P. Mills, J. B. Flowers and sister Lulu Brown.
Zion—A. P. Evans, James Davidson and G. E. Brunson.

The Association then proceeded to the election of officers.

On motion of W. G. Curry, the former Moderator, J. R. Larkin, was re-elected by acclamation; F. M. Pond, Clerk by ballot, and E. M. Shaw, Treasurer by acclamation.

The following resolution was read by A. B. Spidle and unanimously adopted by the Association:

"While discharged duty always carries with it its own reward, I think it but a deserved tribute to Bro. J. D. Cook that this Association express to him its hearty thanks for the efficient, prompt and faithful manner in

which he has discharged the duties of Clerk of the Bigbee Association for the past seventeen years; and we assure him that the kind wishes and prayers of this Association will be with him in whatever field he may be called to work for the Master."

On motion of W. G. Curry, it was ordered that the Clerk be required to complete the file of minutes presented to the Association by J. D. Cook, and that the absent copies be requested through the minutes.

WANTED.—The following numbers to complete the file of minutes: For years 1852, 1853, 1854, 1855, 1856, 1857, 1858, 1861, 1862, 1869, 1870 1873, 1874 and 1875. Any one having these missing copies will kindly send them to the Clerk of this Association.

On motion, the introductory sermon was deferred until 7:30 p. m.

The Association then adjourned to 2 p. m. after benediction by W. G. Curry.

THURSDAY—Afternoon Session.

The Association re-assembled at 2 o'clock, and after singing "Nearer my God to Thee," J. G. Apsey led in prayer.

The report on Bible and Colportage Work was read as follows:

REPORT ON BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK.

Your committee are of the opinion that this board has not received the encouragement and support in the past that its importance merits. Its work is done in a quiet, unostentatious way, reaching out to the destitute part of the country, benefiting the poor, those who by reason of their poverty are unable to provide for themselves religious literature and who are not able to employ preachers. It is this class who specially bless God for the work being done by the colporter. Owing to the fact that some of the twelve colporters employed by the board failed to have their report in in time to have results embodied in the board's report to the State Convention, we cannot make as full a report as we would like.

From the consolidated reports of five we find room for encouragement. They sold and gave away during the conventional year 2,155 religious books and 8,000 pages of tracts. Who can estimate the amount of good those books and tracts may do? They visited 10,255 families. Can you place a monetary value upon the influence the visits of these consecrated followers of him who spent his life working among the poor, on the joy and comfort they carried to the fireside of the humble followers of God?

To accomplish this work they traveled 7,010 miles, not in palace cars, but a part of it as Christ traveled—walking. If the sum not reported did the same pro rata, then the board's agents traveled 16,821 miles, visited 21,564 families, sold 6,372 books and gave away 19,200 pages of tracts.

Your committee, in conclusion, would call the attention of the Sunday-schools in the Association to the importance of buying their Sunday-school literature through the board, as it comes as promptly, and at the same price, and pays into the board 20 per cent. of cash price.

The American Baptist Publication Society and Kind Words Series allow the State Board to retain this per cent. of all orders sent by them. Then, as a business proposition, it is to our interest. We would also state that you can buy any book suitable to be found in a Christian home from the board as cheaply as at any bookstore.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. Ward, Chairman.

The report was discussed by J. G. Apsey, J. D. Cook, J. E. Herring, W. G. Curry and C. W. Hare, then adopted.

The report on State Missions was read by the chairman, as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We are of the opinion that great progress has been made in this field of the mission world since the last session of our body. Again, we can see many bright gleams of sunshine flitting here and there, which manifestly augur a growing interest all along the lines that mark out our Lord's vineyard. Judging from the reports of our Corresponding Secretary, many churches have received the benefit of missionary labor, and we feel a thrill of gratitude in being able to report to this body that there has been a decided advancement in State Mission work, and a general awakening to this glorious cause is now being manifested all over the noble state of Alabama. We might add to this another truth of great potency, namely, that the churches of this commonwealth have arisen from their supineness to the state, and by the power and grace of God, are determined to redouble all efforts heretofore made to accomplish all available good for the Master's cause in this part of his fruitful vineyard. In corroboration of this statement we beg leave to submit a brief summary of the work [illegible] in the State Mission field. We find the number of men employed in this cause 54, days of service rendered 4,026, miles traveled 27,0[illegible], sermons delivered 27,758, addresses made 750, churches constituted, [illegible], those baptized in connection with missionary labor [illegible] by letter 131, restored 25, Sunday-schools organized 51, and added [illegible], prayer meetings organized 117, prayer meetings held [illegible], [illegible] ing stations without churches 59, number of visits to [illegible], churches visited 209, number of visits made 6121, [illegible], 6,900, meeting houses commenced 22 and the same finished, [illegible] lected for meeting houses $6,345.20, money for State Mission [illegible]. The whole amount for State Mission cause would reach between $[illegible] and $11,000.

C. C. VAUGHAN, Chairman.

The report was spoken to by C. C. Vaughan, C. W. Hare, W. G. Curry, B. F. Riley, T. B. Woodward, J. W. Bozeman, J. D. Cook, and then adopted.

Received corresponding messengers:

J. W. Bozeman—Chickasahay Association.
B. F. Riley—President of Howard College.
C. W. Hare—Editor ALABAMA BAPTIST.
J. T. Murfee—Caledonia Association.
J. E. Herring—President Bible and Colportage Board.
J. G. Apsey—Union Association.
S. W. Averett—President Judson Institute.
J. A. Pack—Chickasahay Association.
J. M. Ross—Bethlehem Association.
W. S. Culpepper—Chickasahay Association.
J. D. Cook—Chickasahay Association.

Adjourned to 7:30 p. m. after benediction by the Moderator.

THURSDAY—EVENING SESSION.

Re-assembled at 7:30 p. m. The introductory sermon was preached by J. R. Larkin. Opening hymn, "All hail the power of Jesus name." Read the 2nd chapter of Romans. Text, John 13:34, 35.

FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association met at the appointed hour. T. B. Woodward led the prayer service. Minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

The Moderator appointed the following committee on Finance: J. W. Blakely, J. W. Cook, E. A. McLean.

The report on Sabbath-schools was next called for and read as follows:

REPORT ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

It is with regret that we find a decline instead of an increased interest in our Sabbath-schools. If we are missionary Baptists with a full conviction of the rightful manner of honoring and worshiping our Lord and Master, why should we not give greater time and energy to the cause of Sabbath-schools? This is certainly not a day for idleness if we are Baptists, and want our children to be Baptists. We should wake up to its great importance, for it is in Sabbath-schools that all religious denominations are doing their greatest work. We hear this admonition every year at our Association and still we are growing less. If a church has no pastor it should have a Sabbath-school and keep up its organization by sending its delegates to the Association, and here we would request the churches to be more particular in reporting their schools in the associational letters. And again, if you can't have a Sabbath-school at your church, be sure to get your literature and teach your children at home, and this literature should be purchased through our board at Opelika, Ala., and that the churches be requested to purchase their Sunday-school literature from the Sunday-school Board at Nashville. Respectfully submitted,

B. B. SEALE, Chairman.

The report was spoken to by B. B. Seale, J. W. Bozeman, L. Poole, C. W. Hare, G. W. Green, J. E. Herring and W. G. Curry. The report was adopted after amending so as to include "Conventional Series" instead of "American Baptist Publication Society," by request of W. G. Curry.

The Moderator appointed the following committee on apportionment: W. F. Pond, L. Poole and H. B. Praytor.

Next called for report on Ministerial and General Education, which was presented by the chairman and read as follows:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL AND GENERAL EDUCATION.

Denominational education is only another name for Christian education. It comprehends all the institutions directed by Christians for the special scholastic training of the young. It stands in contrast with what is known as secular education. The purpose of such institutions is to give to the young men and young women from Christian hands such training as will fit them properly to meet the issues of life. Under the Baptists of Alabama we have two institutions which have been founded for the special purpose of equipping our boys and girls for life. The Judson Institute, at Marion, founded in 1839, has had a successful career ever since its establishment. Last year was one of its most successful. The college is justly esteemed one of the leading institutions for the education of young women. The attendance last session was 159 and the graduating class numbered 19. The Howard, located at East Lake, is the male college of the State, under the supervision of the Baptist State Convention. The wisdom of our people is vindicated in the removal of the college to its present location, as the attendance is double that of its attendance in its old location. It now has five handsome brick buildings and a faculty of seven professors and three

tutors. Its success is very great, giving tone of character to the young men while their intellects are being developed.

Howard College is doing a noble work in the education of our young ministry, thirty in attendance last session. To meet such, the Ministerial Board has been established. That board is dependent upon the churches for their contributions, and this year asks this Association for $175 of the $1,000 needed to prosecute this work. The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville is peculiarly our school of the prophets. After fitting themselves in literary schools for the course offered at Louisville, our young ministers should be encouraged to attend at the Seminary.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. Cook, Chairman.

The report was discussed by Dr. Riley, J. D. Cook and J. E. Herring, then adopted.

After an intermission of five minutes J. G. Apsey preached from the following text: John 22nd chapter, and a part of the 21st verse.

Opening hymn, "There is a fountain filled with blood."

After the sermon a collection was taken for missions—Home, State and Foreign.

On motion of C. C. Vaughan the Association adjourned to 2 p. m. Benediction by J. D. Cook.

FRIDAY—Afternoon Session.

The Association re assembled at 2 o'clock. Began by singing, "Blest be the tie that binds." Prayer by the Moderator.

Committee on Foreign Missions reported as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, located at Richmond, Va., has reached an epoch in its history. Co. besting successful missionary enterprises upon four continents, it desires during this year to broaden its work. Its earliest missions in China are most fruitful prosperous,—reaching further toward the heart of the great empire of the Chinese and casting in the gospel leaven as they advance. The reports of the work from that portion of the field are most gratifying.

In Japan, our infant mission, the enterprise is under the direction of our own courageous and consecrated Alabamian—Jno. McCollum. The hope created in this enterprise, scarcely begun, is the feverish desire on the part of the Japanese to obtain information relative to American customs and practices. In the providence of God, this will furnish an open door to the minds and hearts of that ingenious and restless people of the East. Our European mission in Italy is making steady progress year by year. In Africa much interest is excited in mission work by reason of the remarkable attention which is now being given to the Dark Continent. So much has been done and so much written about Africa that its invasion by the heralds of the cross is destined to be steady and encouraging.

Upon the continent of America there are two missionaries, viz: The Mexican and the Brizilian. The former has been successful from the beginning. All that can be done is being done in this priest-ridden republic. The Brazilian mission has received quite a providential impulse in the overthrow of an empire that was operated under papal influence and in the establishment of a republic of free thought and free speech.

This cursory view of our Foreign Missionary work affords a partial insight into the providential direction of our work. The work, in its scope, its spirit, its power is such as to awaken confidence and encouragement. The year 1892 is the centennial of foreign missions. During this year it is proposed to raise $250,000 in addition to that which is usually contributed.

The Bigbee Association is earnestly asked to participate in this onward movement.

Respectfully submitted,
W. F. Pond, Chairman.

This report was discussed by J. D. Cook, J. W. Bozeman, B. F. Riley, S. W. Averett and C. W. Hare, and then adopted.

Report on Temperance was next called for, and the following is the report of committee:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, the Committee on Temperance, beg leave to report: That it is gratifying and cheering to every good citizen to know that the cause of temperance is making great headway in every section of our country. It must be acknowledged that the liquor power is fast weakening. The forces at work against it are irresistible, and these are multiplying and increasing in strength and intensity. The people are waking up to a sense of their duty. Prohibition laws are being passed by States, cities, towns, villages and hamlets. Laws of temperance orders that used to be branded as foolish and fanatical, are now honored as wise logic and good philosophy. Every institution that has for its object the accomplishment of good is arrayed against intemperance. All large laboring institutions have set their veto against it. Go to a railroad or a factory and ask for employment, and you are asked, "Do you drink?" If so, they will say, We want no drunkards. Thousands of dollars have been spent on the different societies and organization for the advancement of temperance. But the grandest temperance society in the world is the church of the living God. If the religion of Jesus Christ will not stop a man from drinking, nothing else will.

And last but not least, we hope to see the time in the near future when the young ladies of our land will not receive the attention of our drunken young men.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

L. Poole, Chairman.

Discussed by L. Poole, J. G. Apsey and J. D. Cook, then adopted.

The following were appointed a committee on nominations: W. F. Pond, E. M. Shaw and B. B. Seale.

Adjourned to 7:30 p. m.

FRIDAY—Evening Session

Began by singing "All hail the power of Jesus' name."

Sermon by J. E. Herring: text, 33rd verse of the 6th chapter of Matthew.

SATURDAY—Morning Session.

The Association met at the usual hour, and the Moderator read the 3rd chapter of Hebrews. Prayer by W. F. Pond.

Called for the report on Woman's Work, which was read as follows:

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Within the last few years woman's work has assumed astonishing proportions within the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention. In all the States of the South, central committees have been created, composed of some of our most consecrated women, who give their time to the interests of this central committee's work to appoint in every church, and in every Association in a given state. The Central Committee of Alabama is located at Birmingham, with Mrs. F. A. Hamilton as president. Mrs. Hamilton is the gifted daughter of Dr. H. A. Tupper, the corresponding secretary of our Foreign Mission Board. The vice-president of the Bigbee Association is Mrs A. G. Mellen, of Livingston. Her purpose is to see that a Woman's Missionary Society be appointed in each church. In view of the excellent results attendant upon woman's work in the past, and in view of that which is proposed to be done, your committee recommend the adoption the following:

Resolved, That the pastors of the Bigbee Association be earnestly requested to assist in, and to encourage the organization of Woman's Missionary societies in their respective churches.

H. B. Freeman, Chairman.

This report was discussed by C. C. Vaughan, L. Poole, W. F. Pond, J. D. Cook, S. W. Averett, W. S. Culpepper, and then adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following committee on Correspondence, viz: C. C. Vaughan, E. Woods and D. W. Shaw.

Home Missions was next taken up and discussed by L. Poole, C. C. Vaughan, W. S. Culpepper and S. W. Averett, and then adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee beg leave to report:

The interest in Home Missions is keeping pace with Foreign Missions. They have pushed their work to the extent of their means. This command. This cannot be said of our Foreign Mission Board, even though the cause in Cuba and their efforts there under Pro Dias [illegible] gratifying; while the field is broad covering those parts [illegible] occupied by our denomination, they have been able to [illegible] points.

The board has increased its workers and asks for means [illegible] ther increase. Your committee believe that it is only [illegible] people to know more fully about the claims of the [illegible] liberally, and to secure this end we would earnestly [illegible] pastors of this Association exert their influence to increase the circulation of Missionary literature. If there was a deeper interest in State and Home Missions there would naturally be an increased interest in Foreign Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. Shaw.

Adjourned to 2 p. m. after benediction by the Moderator.

SATURDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association re-assembled at 2:30 p. m., and began by singing, "Come thou fount of every blessing."

Prayer by Bro. Freeman.

The Treasurer then made his report, as follows:

REPORT OF TREASURER.

A. D. FORTNER, Treasurer,

In account with BIGBEE ASSOCIATION:

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Sept. 13.	To amount received of Finance Committee, cash	$222 69
	amount received of Public collection, missions	72 00
	amount received for Minutes	3 50
	amount balance on hand	3 60
	amount, vouchers	836 69
15.	amount received from New Prospect church	6 50
	Total	$1,111 29

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Sept. 13.	By amount paid J. D. Cook for minutes	$ 13 02
	amount paid W. B. Crumpton	206 11
	amount paid remitting to W. B. Crumpton	77
	amount, vouchers	836 09
	Total	$1,116 29

Respectfully submitted,

A. D. FORTNER.

The Treasurer's report was unanimously adopted.

The Committee on Correspondence then made their report as follows, which was adopted:

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

Your Committee on Correspondence are gratified to report the following representatives of other bodies present with us:

Dr. B. F. Riley, President of Howard College.

Dr. S. W. Averett, President Judson Female Institute.

C. W. Hare, Editor Alabama Baptist.

J. E. Herring, of the Bible and Colportage Board of the State Convention.

J. T. Murfee, of the Chickasaha Association.

J. G. Aysey, of the Union Association.

Dr. J. W. Bozeman, W. S. Culpepper and J. D. Cook, of the Chickasahay Association of Mississippi.

J. M. Ross, from the Bethlehem Association, also of Mississippi.

We are glad to have these brethren with us.

We also recommend that any member of any church in this body, visiting a sister Association be an accredited messenger to the same.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. VAUGHAN, Chairman.

The Committee on Apportionment made the following report:

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Moderator appoint an executive committee consisting of three (3), whose duty it shall be to look after the destitute churches within the bounds of the Bigbee Association, and to attend to any other business coming properly before that committee.

On motion, it was ordered that the clerk of this Association be instructed to show in the minutes of the association, 1st, Time of organization; 2nd, Time, place and officers of the association, since its organization.

TIME, PLACE OF MEETING, AND OFFICERS OF BIBBEE ASSOCIATION SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION

Year	Church.	Moderator.	Clerk.	Treasurer.
*1852	Jones Creek			
*1853				
*1854				
*1855				
*1856				
*1857				
*1858				
*1859	Friendship	Wm. Howard	R. H. Wh[illegible]	W. W. Paschal
1860	Clinton	Wm. Howard	R. H. Wh[illegible]	W. W. Paschal
*1861				
*1862				
1863	Mt. Hermon	Wm. Howard	W. D. Co[illegible]	L. N. [illegible] Tartt
1864	Gainesville	Wm. Howard	W. D. Co[illegible]	L. N. [illegible] Tartt
1865	New Prospect	Wm. Howard	R. H. Wh[illegible]	L. C. Brown
1866	Fellowship	J. K. Ryan	J. C. Wright	L. C. Brown
1867	Kinterbish	J. K. Ryan	C. W. Buck	L. C. Brown
1868	New Prospect	J. K. Ryan	C. C. Vaughan	L. Tartt
*1869				
*1870				
1871	Sumterville	A. R. Scarborough	C. W. Buck	L. C. Brown
1872	Gainesville	L. M. Stone	J. H. Hend[illegible]	L. C. Brown
*1873	Rehoboth	L. M. Stone	J. H. Hend[illegible]	L. C. Brown
*1874	Friendship	A. R. Scarborough	D. S. Sh[illegible]ld	L. C. Brown
*1875	Livingston	A. R. Scarborough	J. D. Cook	L. C. [illegible]n
1876	Clinton	A. R. Scarborough	J. D. Cook	L. C. Brown
1877	Christian Valley	A. R. Scarborough	J. D. Cook	L. C. Brown
1878	Zion	J. G. Harris	J. D. Cook	L. C. Brown
1879	Cuba	J. K. Ryan	J. D. Cook	L. C. Brown
1880	Gainesville	J. K. Ryan	J. D. Cook	L. C. Brown
1881	Mt. Sterling	J. K. Ryan	J. D. Cook	L. C. Brown
1882	York	J. K. Ryan	J. D. Cook	L. C. Brown
1883	Livingston	J. K. Ryan	J. D. Cook	L. C. Brown
†1884	Friendship	J. K. Ryan	J. D. Cook	L. C. Brown
1885	Concord	J. K. Ryan	J. D. Cook	L. C. Brown
1886	Sumterville	L. L. Belcher	J. D. Cook	L. C. Brown
†1887	Christian Valley	L. L. Belcher	J. D. Cook	L. C. Brown
1888	Clinton	J. R. Larkin	J. D. Cook	A. D. Fortner
†1889	Mt. Pleasant	J. R. Larkin	J. D. Cook	A. D. Fortner
†1890	York	J. R. Larkin	J. D. Cook	A. D. Fortner
†1891	Zion	J. R. Larkin	J. D. Cook	A. D. Fortner
1892	Cuba	J. R. Larkin	F. M. Pond	F. M. Shaw

*Please send the above copies to the Clerk of the Association.

†Remarks.—W. W. Paschal died this year; A. R. Scarborough and H. R. Autrey died this year; J. K. Ryan died this year; William Howard died in Dallas, Texas; L. L. Belcher died at East Lake this year.

STANDING COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT ASSOCIATION IN 1893,

WITH POST OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN.

Bible and Colportage Work.—N. M. Carpenter, Chilton, Ala.; T. F. Scale and R. J. Shelton.

Sabbath Schools.—L. A. Brock, Yantley Creek, Ala.; G. W. Green and J. B. Flowers.

Temperance.—T. E. McKinley, Demopolis, Ala.; A. B. Spilla and F. M. Ward

General and Ministerial Education.—J. A. Granberry, Yantley Creek, Ala.; A. P. Evans and G. E. Brunson.

State Missions.—W. P. Brewer, Livingston, Ala., A. J. Hearn and H. B. Praytor.

Home Missions.—B. B. Seale, Coatopa, Ala., W. G. Curry and M. D. Gould.

Foreign Missions.—E. M. Shaw, Cuba Station, Ala., J. A. Davidson and J. W. Blakeney.

Woman's Work.—W. A. Curry, Livingston, Ala., W. F. Pond and J. R. Speed.

Committee on Correspondence.—C. C. Vaughan, E. Woods and D. W. Shaw.

Executive Committee.—W. G. Curry, L. A. McLean, C. C. Vaughan and J. R. Larkin.

On motion of J. D. Cook, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the members of this Association are hereby tendered the members of Cuba Baptist church and the citizens of the town and community, for their kind and generous hospitality extended to us during our stay among them.

The report on finance was submitted and adopted:

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Home Missions, cash	$ 31 23	
Home Missions, vouchers	225 95—	$ 275 18
Foreign Missions, cash	22 03	
Foreign Missions, vouchers	60 15—	82 18
State Missions, cash	61 88	
State Missions, vouchers	207 59—	269 47
Indigent Ministers, cash		11 62
Bible Work and Colportage, cash	2 93	
Bible Work and Colportage, vouchers	10 99—	13 92
Ministerial Education at Howard College, cash	27 69	
Ministerial Education at Howard College, vouchers	57 70—	85 39
Minutes cash		26 00
Associational purposes, undesignated, cash		3 45
Howard College, building, vouchers		47 00
Missionary collection, cash		13 94

WOMAN'S WORK.

Home Missions, vouchers	205 00
State Missions, vouchers	5 35
Sunday-School contributions, vouchers	39 45
Minute fund returned by J. D. Cook, cash	62
Total	$1,060 57

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. Blakeney,
L. A. McLean,
J. W. Cook,
Committee.

On motion of C. C. Vaughan, it was ordered that the Indigent Minister's Fund, $11.62, be paid to W. F. Pond.

The Committee on Nominations made the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Your committee beg leave to make the following report:

That the next session of this body be held with Siloam church, Sumter county, Ala., and to convene at 10 o'clock a. m., on Thursday before the

second Sabbath in September, 1893. That F. A. Freeman preach the introductory sermon on Thursday at 11 o'clock. That W. G. Curry preach the missionary sermon on Friday at 11 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. Pond, Ch'n.

The clerk was instructed to have the minutes published and distributed. For this purpose a contribution was made (amounting to $9.30) to be added to the Minute and Associational Purposes Fund. Whole amount for minutes and clerk's services, $38.75.

After prayer by the Moderator, the Association adjourned to meet with Siloam Baptist church on Thursday before the second Sabbath in September, 1893.

F. M. Pond,
Clerk.

J. R. Larkin,
Moderator.

REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Bible and Colportage.	Indigent Ministers.	Ministerial Education	Total for each Church
Beulah	$ 5 50	$ 5 00	$ 5 00	$ 1 00	$ 1 00	$ 4 00	$ 21 50
Christian Valley	13 00	5 50	5 50	2 50	1 75	10 00	38 25
Clinton	8 50	5 00	5 00	1 00	1 25	8 00	28 75
Concord	25 00	5 00	5 00	2 50	1 50	12 50	51 50
Cuba	20 00	6 60	6 00	2 00	1 50	10 00	45 50
Demopolis	15 00	6 00	8 00	1 00	5 00	7 00	42 00
Eutaw	5 00	5 00	4 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	17 00
Epes	5 00	4 00	4 00	1 00	2 00	5 00	21 00
Friendship	9 00	6 00	6 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	26 00
Gainesville	10 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	5 00	27 00
Hickory Hill	5 00	2 50	2 50	1 00	1 00	2 50	14 50
Hopewell (Choctaw Co).	5 00	2 50	2 50	1 00	1 00	5 00	17 00
Hopewell (Sumter Co)	10 00	5 00	4 00	1 00	1 00	5 00	26 00
Livingston	15 00	25 00	25 00	1 00	2 00	24 00	122 00
Mt. Hermon	5 00	2 50	2 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	13 50
Mt. Pleasant	20 00	10 00	6 00	1 00	1 00	10 00	48 00
Mt. Sterling	5 00	2 50	2 50	1 00	1 00	2 00	14 00
New Prospect	13 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	4 00	29 00
Rehoboth	20 00	6 00	6 00	1 00	1 00	5 00	39 00
Shorts	10 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	5 00	27 00
Siloam	15 00	10 00	7 00	1 00	1 00	4 00	38 00
Sumterville	20 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	15 00	47 00
York	20 00	10 00	10 00	1 00	1 00	15 00	57 00
Zion	8 00	5 00	4 00	1 00	1 00	5 00	21 00
Total	$317 00	$118 50	$110 00	$28 00	$33 00	$168 00	$834 50

Respectfully submitted,

L. Poole,
H. B. Praytor, } Committee.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF BIGBEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Indigent Ministers.	Bible and Colportage.	Ministerial Edu.—Howard College.	Minutes.	Associational Purposes.	Sunday-school Expenses	Women's Soc'y—Home Missions.	Women's Soc'y—State Missions.	Total.	Pastor's Salary.	Repairs, Fuel, the Poor, Etc	Value of Church Property.
Beulah	$ 1 95	$ 1 95	$ 2 50	$ 1 20	$	$	$ 1 50	$	$	$	$	$ 9 10	$	$	$ .....
Christian Valley	11 30	6 90	13 30	1 75	1 15	10 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	46 10	.....	.....	1025 00
Clinton	6 60	5 60	.....	.....	1 00	.....	75	1 00	.....	.....	5 35	19 10	.....	.....	2000 00
Concord	1 80	2 10	8 53	52	80	3 00	1 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 00	200 00	100 00	300 00
Cuba	6 00	7 00	25 00	1 50	50	15 05	2 50	2 45	.....	.....	.....	60 00	200 00	.....	800 00
Demopolis	7 00	11 00	11 00	.....	.....	5 00	1 50	.....	.....	38 55	.....	74 05	180 00	.....	2 800 00
Epes	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Eutaw	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Friendship	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gainesville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hickory Hill	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hopewell (Choctaw county)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hopewell (Sumter county)	5 15	.....	9 45	.....	.....	.....	1 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 85	.....	.....	.....
Livingston	177 60	9 00	106 20	.....	.....	43 50	2 50	.....	39 45	161 45	.....	539 70	700 00	145 50	8000 00
Mt. Hermon	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Moriah	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Pleasant	2 60	3 10	10 10	.....	1 60	7 40	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	27 10	.....	.....	2.....
Mt. Sterling	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Prospect	4 00	5 15	13 20	1 75	60	3 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00	.....	.....	.....
Rehoboth	7 07	8 83	25 60	3 90	3 92	5 98	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	56 30	.....	.....	.....
Shorts	4 01	5 26	10 00	90	2 84	1 96	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	26 50	.....	.....	.....
Siloam	1 90	.....	8 00	.....	.....	.....	1 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 65	.....	.....	.....
Sumterville	9 15	9 60	13 25	1 00	.....	37 50	1 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	75 90	200 00	11 00	800 00
York	7 61	6 00	11 80	.....	2..	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	28 35	175 00	.....	800 00
Zion	1 01	1 29	2 11	.....	90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....
Total	$ 257 18	$82 18	$ 270 07	$11 62	$13 92	$ 132 39	$26 00	$ 3 45	$39 45	$ 205 00	$ 5 35	$ 1 059 91	$ 1 655 00	$ 259 50	$17 125 00

Collected at Association for associational purposes, $13.94.

Name of Moderator, J. R. Larkin; Postoffice, Coatopa, Ala. Name of Clerk, F. M. Pond; Postoffice, Kinterbish, Ala. Session of 1893 to be held with Siloam Baptist church, Sumter county, on Thursday before the second Sabbath in September, 1893.

STATISTICS OF BIGBEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION—1892.

Church.	County.	Pastors.	Clerk.	Clerk's P. O.	Membership Last Reported.	Increase by				Diverse by			Present Membership	Officers & Teachers	S. S. Pupils.	Volumes in Library	Preaching Sabbaths.
						Baptism.	Letter.	Experience.	Restoration.	Letter	Exclusion.	Erasure	Death.					
Beulah	Sumter	W. F. Pond	M. P. May	Kinterbish	56	..	..	..	..	3	3	..	1	49	1	30	..	1
Christian Valley	Sumter	J. R. Larkin	B. B. Seale	Coatopa	42	..	1	..	..	5	..	..	1	38	3	26	..	..
Clinton	Greene		W. D. Greene	Clinton	31	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	32	3	19	..	..
Concord	Choctaw	A. J. Hearn	J. D. Phillips	Yantley Creek	120	2	1	..	..	4	..	..	2	117	6	50	..	..
Cuba	Sumter	W. S. Culpepper	R. W. Shaw	Cuba Station	108	10	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	119	4	45	..	2
Demopolis	Marengo	J. G. Dickinson	Thos. E. McKinley	Demopolis	24	4	3	..	..	2	..	..	2	27	..	..	..	2-1
Epes	Sumter				..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Eutaw	Greene				..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Friendship	Greene				..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Gainesville	Sumter				..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hickory Hill	Sumter				..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hopewell	Choctaw				..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Hopewell	Sumter	J. R. Larkin	J. V. Tutt	Belmont	26	3	3	3	3	1	..	..	..	36	..	..	..	..
Livingston	Sumter	W. G. Curry	W. A. Curry	Livingston	86	..	3	11	..	8	..	..	1	91	11	44	..	1 3
Mt. Hebron	Sumter				..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mt. Moriah	Sumter				..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mt. Pleasant	Marengo	C. Johnson	John W. Jones	Jefferson	59	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	1	58	6	35	..	..
Mt. Sterling	Choctaw				..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
New Prospect	Sumter	J. R. Larkin	W. P. Brewer		26	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	25	..	..	..	4
Rehoboth	Choctaw	A. J. Hearn	J. W. Cook		48	..	3	..	..	4	..	..	1	48	..	..	..	2
Shorts	Sumter	A. J. Hearn	E. B. Hearn	Gaston	37	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	36	..	..	..	..
Siloam	Sumter	W. F. Pond	R. J. Shelton	York	105	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	108	..	..	..	..
Sumterville	Sumter	W. G. Curry	A. L. Poythress	Sumterville	42	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	43	4	38	75	4
York	Sumter	J. Brunson	E. M. Flowers	York	51	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	48	1	40	..	2
Zion	Sumter				..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total					863	20	20	14	5	32	4	..	10	870	49	376	75	..

Sunday School Superintendents and their Post offices: W. F. Pond, Kinterbish, Beulah church. William Larkin, Coatopa, Christian Valley church; N. M. Carpenter, Clinton, Clinton church; W. H. Phillips, Yantley Creek, Concord church; E. M. Shaw, Cuba, Cuba church. J. C. Kelley, Demopolis, Demopolis church; R. G. Hall, Livingston, Livingston church; W. H. Brown, Sumterville, Sumterville church.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This body shall be known by the name of the BIGBEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

2. The officers of the Association shall consist of a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected at each annual meeting, from its own body, and shall hold their office until their successors are elected.

3. The Moderator shall preside over the Association, and shall discharge the duties usually imposed upon officers presiding over deliberative bodies.

4. The Clerk shall keep a fair record of the proceedings of this Association, and shall attend to the printing and distributing of the Minutes.

5. The Treasurer shall perform the duties usually assigned to such officer, and shall report annually to the Association.

6. The Association shall hold its meetings at such time and place as it shall from time to time appoint.

7. Every church shall be entitled to two delegates, and also one for every twenty-five members exceeding twenty-five.

8. This Association disclaims all right of exercising authority over the internal regulation of churches, believing that within their own sphere they are accountable to God only.

9. The Constitution may be altered or amended by the concurrence of three-fourths of the members comprising the Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one living and true God: that in the Godhead are Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.

2. We believe that the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the New Testament is the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe that the Church of God is composed of such persons as believe in Jesus Christ, and have been baptized; that baptism consists in the immersion of the whole body in water; and that the Lord's Supper should be administered to church members only.

4. We believe in the doctrines of grace taught by the United Baptists, viz: In the depravity of man; in the converting grace of God; in the resurrection of the dead; in the general judgment: in the eternal life of the righteous; in the everlasting punishment of the wicked.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. At each meeting of this Association the Modertor shall take the chair, shall call the members to order, shall decide questions of order subject to an appeal, shall open and close the Association with prayer, shall appoint committees, when not otherwise ordered, and shall pronounce the decisions to the Association.

2. The names of members shall be called each day, and invitations to seats extended to ministering brethren.

3. The members shall observe respect to officers and to each other, shall arise when addressing the Moderator, shall confine themselves to the questions, shall avoid personalities, shall not speak, without leave, more than once, until every member shall have opportunity to speak, and shall sustain that bearing to each other which becomes gentlemen and Christians.

4. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Moderator, and then shall be in the possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn by the mover before amendment or decision.

5. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend or postpone; which motion shall have precedence in the order enumerated.

6. All questions, except those relating to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority. Any member voting with the majority may move for a reconsideration on the day of decision. Members may not leave the Association without permission.

7. When questions of order are not provided for in these rules, they shall be decided according to the rules and regulations governing legislative bodies generally.

8. The Association shall have power to receive into its body and fellowship such churches as apply for admission; and shall also be empowered to withdraw its fellowship from any church or body of men walking disorderly, and supposed to be unworthy the fellowship of this Association.

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